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THE KNIGHT'S TOAST

The feast is o'er! Now brimming wine in golden cup is seen to shine
Before each eager guest;
And silence fills the crowded hall,
As deep as when the herald's call
Thrills in the loyal breast.

Then up arose the noble host,
And smiling cried, "My lords, a toast!
To all our ladyes fair.
Here, before all, I pledge the name
Of Stanton's proud and beautious dame,
The Ladye Gundemere."

Then to his feet each gallant sprung, And joyous was the shout that rung As Stanley gave the word; And every cup was raised on high, Nor ceased the loud and gladsome cry, 'Till Stanley's voice was heard:

"Enough, enough." he smiling said, And lowly bent his haughty head, "That all may have their due, Now each in turn must play his part, And pledge the ladye of his heart, Like gallant knight and true."

Then, one by one, each guest sprung up, And drained in turn the brimming cup,
And named the loved one's name;
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And each, as hand on high he raise l,
His ladye's grace or beauty praised,
Her constancy and fame.

'Tis now St. Leon's turn to rise;
On him are fixed those countless eyes—
A gallant knight is he;
Envied by some, admired by all,
Far famed in ladye's bower and hall,
The flower of chivalry.

St. Leon raised his kindling eve. And lifts the sparkling cup on high "I drink to one," he said, "Whose image never may depart, Deep graven on this grateful heart, 'Till memory be dead;

"To one whose love for me shall last When lighter passions long have past, So holy 'tis, and true:
To one whose love hath longer dwelt, More deeply fixed, more keenly felt,
Than any pledged by you."

Each guest upstarted at the word, And laid a hand upon his sword, With fury flashing eye;
And Stanley said, "We crave the name,
Proud Knight, of this most peerless dame
Whose love you count so high."

St. Leon paused, as if he would Not breathe her name in careless mood Thus lightly to another;
Then bent his noble head, as though
To give that word the reverence due,
And gently said, "My mother!"

The following is a statement of the transactions of the Mint, for the year. Number of Gold deposits -Value do do -Gold coined - - -

- 795 921 Net we ght of Silver in Gold deposits, oz.
Value of Silver paid to depositors Walue of Silver paid to depositors Walue of Silver paid to depositors \$33,317

do do coining - 41 362 on bars do

Total Mint income, Number of Silver deposits, \$99,131 Number of Silver Assays, Silver refined for Coin, oz. - - 22,712

Rules .- An Eastern paper gives the following seasonable and excellent rules for young men commencing

The world estimates men by their success in life, and by general consent, success is evidence of superiority Never under any circumstances, assume a respons bility you can avoid consistently with your duty to your and others. Base all your actions upon a principle of right; pre-

serve your integrity of character, and, in doing this never reckon the cost.

Remember that self interest is more likely to warp your judgment than all other circumstances com

therefore, look well to your duty, when your interest Never make money at the expense of your reputa-

Be neither lavish nor niggardly; of the two avoid the latter. A mean man is universally despised but public favor is a stepping stone to preferment there-fore generous feelings should be cultivated.

Say but little—think much, and do more.

Let your expenses be such as to leave a balance in your pocket. Ready money is a friend in need.

Keep clear of the law; for, even if you gain your case, you are generally a loser.

Avoid borrowing and lending.

Wine drinking and smoking segars are bad habits; they impair the mind and pocket.

they impair the mind and pocket, and lead to a waste Never relate your misfortunes, and never grieve

over what you cannot prevent. The Rochester American says the following private

despatch went through by telegraph about a month since - "Charlie and Julia met at ——"s yesterday -quarreled and parted forever-met again this morning and parted to meet no more-met again this morning and were married!"

It is said it is intended to despatch a portion of the London Fire Brigade to Constantinople, with the necessary apparatus, to protect the hospital at Scutari from fire.

The ship building in the United States in 1854, foots up an average tonage of 535 636 tons, and includes 334 ships and barques, 112 brigs. 661 schooners, 386 sloops and 281 steamers; in all, 1774 vessels. Quite a respectable little navy.

America is represented in Spain by a Frenchman, in Portugal by an Irishman, in Italy by an Italian, at the Hague by a German few, and at Naples by a Scot.

FROM ABROAD.

NEW YORK.

An election for Assistant Engineer of the New York
Fire Department, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the
resignation of Mr. Michael Eichell took place in that
city on Monday, the 19th February, with the following result. Whole number of votes cast, 2278, of
which there were received by which there were received by

Farnham, of Hook and Ladder 1, Sickles, of Engine Co 6, Botts, of Engine Co 38, Constantine, of Engine Co 42, Total. Farnham's majority over Betts, Siekles, Constantine,

Mr. Farnham is well known to many of our San Francisco firemen, as an energetic, reliable and brave nember of the New York Department, and worthy of the position to which he has been elected.

The Firemen of the city of Williamsburgh gave their 13th Annual Ball, in aid of the Charitable Fund, on the evening of the 26th February. The nett receipts from the same amounted to \$1,200. We notice that Mr. Van Valkenburgh, formerly an active member of Sansone H. & L. 3, was chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

H. & L. Co. No. 11, of the New York Department, was disbanded on the evening of the 21st February, by the Board of Representatives, for improper conduct on the part of the efficers and members. There were 170 members of the Board present, and the Report of the Committee recommending the above action was adopted unanimously.

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A magnificent service of silver, consisting of six pieces, (tea. coffee, urn, sugar and s'op bowls.) are to be presented to John Coger, Jr. formerly President of the Board of Trustees of the New York Fire Department, in view of the valuable services rendered the Department by Mr. Coger during a period of nearly twenty-five years, and particularly for his devotion to the interests of the Charita de Fund, and his exertions to promote the centort and happiness of the widoward orphans under the care of the Department. The silver bears the following inscription, while the other five pieces are simply marked with the initials J. C. viz:

JOHN COGER. JR., E-Q, NEW YORK FIRE D. PARTMENT, as a token of their regard a desteem for his long and faithful services.

Committee from the Representatives:

Wm. D. Wade, D. Milliken, Dan't S.

Committee from the Trustees:

Zophar Mills, James K. Ev. James

February, 1855. Wm. D. Wade. Dan'l Stanbury James Pryer.

Such an honor as the above conferred upon a fireman, sufficiently denotes the faithfulness of his con duct, as a member of the organzation, and is worthy the emulation of the younger members of the same.

Mr. Charles Cornell, ex-foreman of Hose 8, immortalized himself by being the first to roll the Exempt engine. She was ordered one by the Chief at the fire corner of Pearl street and Coc ties ship, but in consequence of its being a poor alarm and the fire showing no light, there were but some fitteen members present. The news of the Exempt engine botting the steam apparatus, was felegraphed to the pass all over the country, and cheeted much wonder and commendation in other cities.

BALTIMORE A trial was recently made in Biltimore, of the Deptford engine, in presence of a large number of firemen and other citizens. She threw fairly and without any extraneous aid, 228 feet from the gillery. The spray extended to a distance of about 15 feet farther, but was of course not counted. The committee appointed to certify to the distance course. To Messrs, 11, W. to certify to the distance cone.

S. Evaus, of the Columbian, J. R. West, of the Deptford, and W. S. Howard. This is a specimen of tall throwing that cannot be betten, it equalled, in the country. The Deptford, it will be recollected, caused a great dead of interest decountry. The reputors during the last fireman's parade in Philadelphia, by through over Dr. Jayne's building in that city. The organisation six years building in that city. The organis about six years years old, and was built by Mr. John Rogers, of Bal-

PHILADELLILL.

The Common Council of Pari of liphia have adopted joint resolution authorizing the Vlayor to contract. a joint resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract with Purdy, Phillips & Robat son, for the creetion of a fire and police alarm telegraph, the cost not to exceed \$36,000. The cost of construction is fixed at as very moderate sum, which is ontweighed a thousand times by the increased efficiency it would give to the firement and police, in suppressing disorder and checking the spread of conflagrations.

In San Francisco, where minutes are equal to hours in any other city in quenching a fire, a telegraph is greatly needed. On more than one occasion our firemen have run, in a direct line, opposite to that where

the fire was burning. In one of the factories in Maine recently the preprietors reduced the wages, whereupon there was a general determination to strike, and as they were obliged to give a month's notice before quitting work, they have meanwhile issued a circular to the world at large

in which is the following interesting paragraph: "We are now working out our notice, and shall soon be without employment; can tune our hands to 'most anything: don't like to be idle-but determined not to work for nothing where folks can afford to pay. work for nothing where folks can afford to pay Who wants help? We can make bornets dresses, puddings, pies, and cakes, patch, darn, keit, roast, stew, and fry; make butter and cheese, milk cows, feed chickens, and boe corn; sweep out the kitchen, put the parlor to rights, make beds, split word kindle fires, wash and iron, besides, being recratably tood of hobes, in fact can do anything the most accomplished housewife is capable of-not forgetting the soldings on Mondays and Saturdays. For specimens of sprit, will refer you to our overseer. Speak quick Black eyes, fair forheads, clustering locks beautial so a Hobe, can sing like a scraph, and smile most heavietingly? an elderly gentleman in want of a good housek eper or a nice gentleman in want of a good housekeeper or a nice young man in want of a web-web ng to sustain either character; in fact, we are in the macket Who bids? Going-going-gone. Who's the lucky man.

THE STEAM FIRE ENGINE.

Upon whose merits as a "fire annihilator," so much has been said and written by the Press, throughout the Eistern States, was tried in the city of Baltimore on the 15th of February last, and in the city of New York on the 17th of the same month, with but indifferent success-puffery to the contrary, notwithstanding-not demonstrating as clearly as the builders wished for, its superiority over the "heart and hand" power of the volunteer system.

In the city of Baltimore the "steamer" was tested on Bowly's wharf, in the presence of the City Authorities and a large concourse of citizons. It took some twenty-five minutes to get up steam, and then threw too streams of water but twenty five feet each, being entirely distanced by the Union suction an apparatus of the same size of "little Six" of this city, the cylinders being half an inch larger. The Independent Fire Company challenged the Steamer, but the same was declined If the accounts from Biltimore can be relied upon, the Steamer must evidently have been out of order, as in the city of New York she did much better. She was tried at the latter city in the Park, in the presence of at least ten thousand persons. From the Sunday Mercury of Feb. 18, we glean the following:

This steam engine is about 8 feet wide, 11 feet high, and 16 feet long. On the front, [i.e. where the 'tongue' has its socket.] a large cylindrical vessel for containing the wiver from which steam is manufactured stretches its length around; the boiler fronts to the rear, where the fires are locited: between the bick of the boiler and the round water chamber alluded to lies all the pumps and machinery by which the engine is operated. Stretching across the rear of the boiler, so that the engineer in charge has his back to the front of the machine, three upright air vessels monopolize the space, and immediately adjoining them the pumps perform their revolution. The running gear is composed of three wheels—one in front and two behind: the latter being somewhat arger than those on our first-class hand engines, and the former make so as to give a very short turn; or, in other words, made so as to allow the engine to turn in her own length.

In SI minutes from the time the match was applied to the kindling wood, she began to pump and discharge water; her two large suctions were thrown into the distern in front of the west end of the City Hali an tin other i tern three hydrant streams were constantly discharging. The Exmembers. For the first time in twelve years she took suction, using but one, a little more than half the size of either of those used by the Steamer. There being no fresh supply pouring into their estern, the Exempts were compelled to draw water towards the latter part of the trial almost louble the distance of the o her. The 'Exempt' ed off by throwing through an inch and an eighth nozzle, and in a moment afterwards the Steamer commenced throwing through a triangular nozzle, each side of the angle, measuring an inch and bye-eighths in length. The distance attained was 182 feet for the S eam Engine, and 189 feet by the well known Exempt Engine, No. 42 The cre.m from t. e Steam Engine was not so solid as that from the other. As both streams went shootng side by side, and it become evident that the ity firemen and the best of the encounter, cheer after cheer went up from the crowd which lined every available spot in the grounds. Both pipes were then shifted. The steamer started first and played two or three minutes, in a southerly direction from the Ci y Hall, towards street. The Exempts then camedin, beating the Steamer about thirty feet, through an inch and an eighth pipe. The next trial was with one inch and a quarter

pipe, through about seventy-five feet of hose from the Steam Engine, and about the same length of hose, and an inch and an eighth pipe, belonging to Engine Co. 42, the last named engine throwing water about twenty feet farther than the St amer.

The next trial was through four, inch and a quarter pipes, and about fitty feet of hose by the Steamer, and on N · 42 a single pipe of about one and a quarter inch and about the same length of hose as the Steamer, on which occasion the Steamer was beaten about seventy-five feet.

The last great trial of the Sseamer consisted in hoisting 150 feet of hose to the top of the City Hall, facing eastward to the clock. Both engines started about together, the streams for a time were nearly equal. On height the Exempt had the advan age; in distance the Steamer threw about eight feet farther. The Steam Machine was under the control of the builder, Mr A B Latta; the Exempt was under the control of the Foreman, Mr. James L. Miller. The Steamer was immediately thereafter shipped for Boston, for which city she had been purchased.

The Steamer was tried in Boston, and the trial pronounced satisfactory. It is a fact worthy of record that in Boston, where the Department is a paid one, the members threw every obstacle in the way of those interested in the success of the Steamer, and endeavored to prevent the trial under any circumstances. In the Cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, where the Departments are entirely voluntary, every attention was shown the proprietors of the steamer, and interest evinced in its success.

## The Fireman's Journal.

MARCUS D. BORUCK, . . . . . Editor

SAN FRANCISCO:

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 7, 1855.

#### FIREMEN'S MEETINGS.

TO BE HELD DURING THE ENSUING WEEK

Board of Delegates-Wednesday Evening, April 11. California Co. No. 4-This (Saturday) Evening Vigilant Co. No. 9-Tuesday Evening, / pril 10.

Our friends must be content with the appearance of the first issue of our paper. As soon as practicable we shall enlarge it to a much more handsome and convenient size.

To edit and conduct a newspaper in a manner that will ensure favor from all the various elements of society, with which it will naturally come in contact, is an undertaking that demands much more experience than is possessed by him upon whom the editorial management of this sheet has devolved. It is, he may say, with considerable trepidation he enters the lis's, and although he has but one aim in view-but one desire to inspire him-and but one end to accomplish: "the honorable advancement and ultimate "success of all things that are in any way con-"nected with the welfare and prosperity of the "Fire Department," yet clear as the way may seem, and isolated as the intent may be, the outlines are but very dim. Like a ship which is being launched, trembles ere she takes the first plunge in the element upon which she is to course her way, and gain renown in her peculiar sphere, so does the writer of this tremble, on the eve of taking his first plunge in the tide of public opinion. May it be a successful one.

Custom has made it incumbent on those engaging in the publication of a newspaper, to define, in their first number, their position as it may be, and promise what they intend shall be their future course of action. As this, however, is the age of change and improvement, we will not pursue the old beaten track. We will leave the columns of the paper to testify as to its claims for favor, and we will promise nothing for the future conduct of our Journal, except so far as two important subjects are concerned. We allude to them particularly, for the simple reason, that we shall most religiously abide by what we promise concerning them. PARTY POLITICS and FIRE DEPARTMENT POLITICS will never be made the subjects of discussion through the columns of this Journal. As to the former, we consider them a perfect bane to the moral and social condition of man, as they are carried out in this State. We deprecate the man who makes his the "politician's study," and we thank God that thus far the blighting taint of politics has not attached itself to our organization; and, so far as we are concerned, we shall watch, with lynx-eyed vigilance, those who attempt to endanger its usefulness by seeking political power through its

As to the politics of the Fire Department, in connection with candidates for office in the same. we consider them, editorially, none of our business-their claims must be advocated by others. As a citizen, and an individual Fireman, our opinions are our own property, regarding men and office; but no mean advantage will be taken of the power which the control of a few lines in the columns of a newspaper gives, to make them public. We pledge our honor that no part, editorially, will be taken in Department politics. Our objects are-Measures, not Men; and we therefore present this morning, the first number of a weekly Journal, devoted to the interests of the Fire Department of the City particularly, and of the State generally.

The Department of this City, during the past two years, has increased so rapidly in numbers and influence, and its wants depending, in so great a measure, upon the tastes, wishes and feelings of the members thereof, (which should at all times be consulted,) that to bring them to the attention of those who govern the Department, in a right and official manner, and to insure proper, speedy and popular action for an organization so important, the "Fireman's Journal" is estab-

officers, or individual members of the Fire Department throughout the State, will supply us with such information as they may deem of interest to their brother Firemen. Banded together in one common cause, a sympathy exists between us which distance cannot lessen; and a place in our columns will always be at the disposal of Firemen throughout the State.

The committee appointed by the Legislature, to award the contract for the care of the sick in the State Marine Hospital have given the same to Drs Il & W. P. Gibbons at \$5,000, for the month of April, and rejected a tender made by the "Sisters of Mercy" to perform the same for \$3,500. Why such a course was adopted we cannot for moment conceive, and we do not approve of it. That those ladies were sincere in their motives, none who know anything in relation to them will for a moment doubt. Their whole lives pass from one scene to another of zealous, earnest and holy devotion, in alleviating the sufferings of the sick and dying. Their purpose in offering their services as above could not certainly have arisen from the hope of any pecuniary gain, for it is a well known fact that those ladies, who assume the position of "Sisters of Mercy" generally bring increased wealth to their church. We are no advocates of the Catholic or any other religious sect; but we are the advocates of RIGHT in preference to wrong let it come in whatever shape it may. The Hospitals throughout the European world and those in various portions of onr own country, particularly in the South, give abundant proof of the care and kindness of the "Sisters of Mercy." As far as religion is concerned in this matter of the care of the sick, we are firm in the opinion, and intend to express it, that neither the State nor the City, had any shadow of right to take the subject into consideration. All that the representatives of those powers were called upon to do, was to provide in the best and cheapest manner, for the care of the sick under their control, and no further; and we believe that the position of the unfortunates in the Hospital would have been enhanced, had their care been entrusted to the soothing watchfulness of the "Sisters of Mercy". To our minds, it makes but very little difference, far away from home and friends, and on the bed of charity, to what religious sect the person belongs who passes the cooling draught oo wipes the cold sweat from the brow of him whom the Almighty has marked with the stamp of

In another portion of the paper will be found a description of the contest between the "Steam Fire Engine" and the "Exempt" No. 42 of New York. The former, from all accounts, has not made as many friends as was anticipated. There are but two considerations which render her valuable, and only two-one is, she "never tires," and the other is, that she can be made useful when fires occur in large warehouses filled with cotton and other combustibles, and among the shipping, where an immense quantity of water is required to be poured upon it for several days, to drown a fire out. But as it is not to be presumed that fires will always occur where the utility of the Steamer can be made available, we suppose the "heart and hand" power will not be abolished during the present year, at any rate. Rendering unto the Steamer all that is her due, we think we can safely say that we know one part of the fireman's duty she cannot perform, nor can all the machinery invented by man on earth accomplish it. That to which we allude can only be fulfilled by the secret springs implanted in man by the God of nature—the great cylinder is the body; the piston which works it is the heart; the fluid which generates the motive power is the blood which flows through its complicated vessels, and the fires are kindled by the warm impulses which actuate the brave and the disinterested. The "Steamer" CANNOT SAVE LIFE!

Above all things in a newspaper we dislike to read apologies; yet sometimes they are absolutely necessary, as in the present case with us. How can we account to some of our very partial friends for the non-appearance of their favors, and to the Department for not publishing a full list of the officers of the different companies, and many other articles that would be of material interest to the members? We may as well say, in a few words, that we were not aware of the interpaper devoted to the cause we advocate; we were not aware that advertising patrons would crowd upon us to such an extent; we were not aware that the community generally felt a desire so ardent for the success of the undertaking we this day commence-and we therefore had arranged to publish a small, unpretending sheet, not anticipating the favors that have been showered upon us, particularly in the way of advertising patronage. Such favors show to us at the beginning that the "Fireman's Journal" is not a thing ephemeral. We may be considered egotistic in alluding to ourselves and our prospects of success-but when we say to our friends that we publish of the first number 2,700 copies, having already near one thousand subscribers in the city, and orders are being daily received from the principal cities and towns in the State where the Department is organized, and that our advertising patronage far exceeds our most sanguine expectations, we may be pardoned expressing the thought that the "Journal" is established on a THE STATE.—We earnestly request that the | firm and permanent foundation; and our desire and aim shall be to make it such a paper as will meet the expectations of our kind patrons.

> Correspondence.-We have made arrangements with gentlemen in the cities of New York, Baltimore, Boston, Philadelphia and New Orleans, who will give us all information from those cities interesting to firemen. We hope in a few weeks to publish some of their communications.

The Excursion of the Monumentals.

It is a circumstruce well known throughout the Department, and the community generally, that Monumental Engine Company No. 6, contemplates making an excursion to the Atlantic States, leaving here about the 15th of September next, taking their apparatus with them. Gigantic as the affair may seem, and not with standing there are doubting ones among ourselves, it is looked upon as a certainty at the East, as the following will show:

BALTIMORE, Jan. 28th, 1855. DEAR SIR:—At a regular meeting of the Independent Fire Company, held on the 1st inst., the Secretary was directed to tender through you to the members of the Monumental Fire Company of your city, an ivitation to be the guests of the Independent Fire Company, on their visit to our City. I assure you it would afford our Company, as well as the Firemen generally in this City a great deal of pleasure to entertain the Firemen of San Francisco, and give them a Fireman's Welcome to the City whose name they bear. I remain yours ever. I remain yours ever,

JOHN S FUSSELBAUGH,

Secretary Independent Fire Company.
To George H. Hossefross, Esq.
San Francisco.

LIST OF FIRES AND ALARMS

DURING JANUARY, FRBRUARY AND MARCH, 1855. The following is a complete list of the alarms and fires that have occurred from January 1st to April 1st of the present year:

January 1st-1 o'clock, A M, bonfire in first ward; 4th-12 M, on Kearny street near Sacramento; rockery store; hall bell mlarm.

8t P M-False alarm. 5th-5 P M, roof of honse on Webb street, damage

6th-12 M, slight fire in dance house corner Kearny

13th-41 P M, Chase's mill, Stevenson street; dam-

15th-9 A M, false alarm.

18th-Hall bell alarm, store ship off Vallejo wharf. 20th-8 A M, Chinese house on Dupont street; dam-

21st-2 A M, false alarm. 23d-8 A M, false alarm.

27th--4½ A M, Clipter Mills on First street; hall bell alarm; damage §15.000; (T. Murray, a member of No 11 was killed at this fire.)

27th-71 P M, false alarm. 28th--1 A M, false alarm.

February 3d--10 P M, false alarm.

4th--91 P M, alarm from bursting camphene lamp street, hall bell alarm.

113 P M--false alarm 6th-9 A M, Pine & Belden's flour mill; damage \$50)

9th-71 1' M, false alarm. 10th--95 P M. do:

15th-43 P M. Rassette House chimney 16th--91 P M, Chinese house on Jackson street

18th-15 A M, hall bell alarm, St Charles hotel and

lillman's; damage \$20,000. 6½ P M, old fire. 9 P M, false alarm.

25th--3 a m, Plaza bakery; no damage.

26th-9 p m, false alarm.

change; damage trifling

March 2-10 p m, false alarm. 9th-91 p m, Chase's mill; hall boll alarm; no

10th--3 a m, false alarm 12th-3 p m, gasometer at American Theatre; no

16th-61 p m, hall bell alarm; Chinese house on

ackson street; no damage.

7½ p m. on Kearny st, near Pacific; damage slight. 18th--3 p m, Lafayette Restaurant, no damage.

20th--33 a m, on Pike street near Clay; damage \$4000; hall bell alarm. 12 M, corner of Jackson and Battery; no damage; hall bell alarm.

21st-7 p m, Talse alarm. 9 p m, hall pell alarm; Chinese house on Dupont st,

near Clay; no damage. 22d-5 a m, hall bell alarm; rear of Merchant's Ex-

22d-64 p m, hall bell alarm; Pacific near Stockton; damage \$50:0.

24th-6 p m, small fire corner of Jackson and Pow-

71 p m, sail loft corner of Sacramento and Davis; damage trifling.

25th--3½ a m, Market street, corner of Montgomery; slight damage; hall bell alarm.

27th-5 a m, hall bell alarm; Ohio street, between Pacific and Broadway; damage \$6000.

30th-13 a m, Pacific street (Presidio road;) dam-

The We are happy to announce to the Department, that our worthy Chief Engineer, CHARLES P. DUANE, is slowly recovering from the dangerous illness under which he has been suffering for the past two weeks. With the constant care of his immediate friends and the skill of his physicians, his convalesence will be permanent. It will be sometime, however, before the Chief will be able to resume his duties as energetically as before; when he does, we hope that the leading hosemen of every stream, will, on the appearance of the Chief, "play low"

ESTIMATES —We intend publishing at an early day, the total amount of property destroyed by fire in this City, before and since the organization of the Fire Department, with the annual cost to the City for the latter each year by itself, so that a proper idea may be formed, in dollars and cents, of the utility of expending money upon the Department.

To BE INCREASED. - An application has been made to the New York State Legislature, for the passage of a law to increase the fund of the Fire Department of the City of New York, to One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars.

THEATRICAL.

Our paper was projected and established with the view and to the end of advocating the interests of the Fire Department on any and every necessary occasion; yet we know that a paper filled with one particular quality of reading matter, will prove a surfeit in the course of time, to the best friends of the cause. We shall not, therefore, make ours a monotonous sheet, but while we speak of that Department we love and have deep interest in, we shall also so endeavor to conduct the 'Journal' as to render it an acceptable medium of general information, that can be read with some degree of pleasure, not only by our brother firemen, but also by their wives and daughters. With other variety we propose to give a series of theatrical criticisms, judicious as we can make them, "nothing extenuate or set down aught in malice." We shall speak on occasions with praise when we deem praise is due, and condemn where we are satisfied that condemnation is deserved. Without further prelude, and with but small space to spare in our crowded columns, we first briefly notice the

METROPOLITAN .--- Miss Davenport, who we consider as one of the most forcible, correct and chaste delineators of dramatic character that has yet appeared on the California stage, has filled a short but brilliant engagement, and retired, for a short time, to give place to another actress of merit, and novelties which are to be produced. To say that Miss Davenport met the expectations of her many warm admirers, would be saying but little in her favor. She was received as are all artistes of superior abilities by a California audience, and nightly greeted with such plaudits from well-filled houses as compelled her to appear before the curtain. Yet Miss D. is not an actress 'par excellence,' aithough the lady's superior, in the line of characters she assumes, we do not care to see. During her next engagement we shall take the liberty of saying in what we believe consists the excellencies of her portraiture of life, on the stage, and also what are her faults, if we can detect them.

During the present week, Miss Estelle Potter, another new candidate for public favor, has been filling an engagement. Business matters have prevented us from witnessing her performances; but we learn that she is received with loud applause We notice that some newspaper critics praise, whilst others forbear remark. The company at the Metropolitan is a fair one, but at present contains no actors of very superior ability.

AMERICAN. -On Monday evening this Theatre will open under the control and management of Dr. Volney Spaulding. In making this announcement we think we can safely predict a new era for the Drama in San Francisco. Dr. S. has been long connected with theatricals, is thoroughly conversant with all managerial duties, and has brought to his aid, without regard to expense, the best talent in every department. With Mr. Leman as stage manager, Dowling as stage director, Torrence as machinist, and Fairchild as scenic artist, we have every assurance that the stage department will be properly conducted; and when we look at the array of talent engaged, we cannot doubt the triumphant success of the Theatre. The management has been particularly fortunate in the engagement of some of the best female talent in the country. Miss Laura Keene is a 'bright particular star," that shines with brilliancy in any firmament; Mrs. Judah and Miss Gould are very deservedly great favorites with the public, while Mrs. Thoman, Mrs. Ciaughley, and Miss Clara Rivers have hosts of admirers. Among the males who are excellent in the different 'lines' they perform, we may name Messrs. Wheatleigh, Smith. Kent, Taylor and McCabe, each of whom appear desirous to excel in whatever characters they assume. Such a combination of talent cannot fail to please.

Dr. Spaulding has gone to large expense in renovating and decorating the interior of the building which now presents, by gas light, an imposing and brilliant appearance. The prices of admission have been judiciously arranged to suit all grades:-Parquette and dress circle, (settees covered with cream colored damask) \$2; first tier, \$1; second tier, 50 cents; upper tier, 25 cents. The manager deserves liberal patronage, and will undoubtedly receive it.

SAN FRANCISCO MINSTRELS.—The San Francisco Hall is not only a popular place of amusement, but it is a fashionable one. For months past the Hall has been crowded every night, and we notice among the audinece many of the 'elite' of the city. The entertainments are of such a nature as to attract all desirous of enjoying an evening delightfully. Those afflicted with 'ennui' find on going there, immediate relief. In fact, all who have once seen the Minstrels, visit them again and again. That they can't be excelled in any country, stands an acknowledged fact. Tonight an excellent variety will be offered, and as the hall will, as usual, be crowded, we advise ladies to go early to get comfortable seats.

The publication of the following gives evidence of our desire to gratify the "ambitious wish" of

SAN FRANCISCO, April 3. Editor Fireman's Journal-Having on several occasions contributed to the Press of this city, and being also a fireman, I cannot let this interesting occasion pass, (the publication of the first Fireman's Journal on the Pacific coast) without wooing the muses for it's sake. The accompanying lines being the result, are respectfully submitted for publication, hoping they will meet your approbation:

LINES TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

BY COUNT D.

The night is departing, the morning is dawning,
The city is wrapt in her slumbers profound;
Sol's not th'oriental horizon yet gilded, And Somnus and Morpheus reign all around. Now breaks on the stillness the bells of the city!

See volumns of smoke intrimingled with flame
Arising, increasing, destroying, devouring [fame.
Our houses, homes, prospects and wide spreading Now, quick as the wild horse of famous Mazeppa,

The fire's noble formen rush on to the scene,
Propell'd by the steam and the wings of their ardor,
To conquer the enemy "wid der machine." Now mana'd are the brakes, and the elements fighting,

Like Trojans and Grecians for Helen of Troy, or Spartans defending the pass of Thermogyles, Or Bonaparte's stand at the bridge of Lodi! The contest is doubtful—the fire increasing— But energy conquers all phant m-like fears; a! now see the flames are completely defeated—

What music in those three Stentorian cheers! Hail! noble, chivalrous, bold, daring fireman, Who struggles to save, though enshrouded in flame, who offers up life on philanthropy's altar! Your name is inscribed on the portals of fame.

THE LIFE OF A FIREMAN. -- A few days since we were favored with a view of a series of four engravings bearing the above title, portraying vividly the exciting scenes (laid in New York,) through which the fireman passes on his way from the house to the fire. The first is a night alarm, the engine just rolling from the house, manned by the "Bunkers." Ahead is the volunteer, with the torch; the foremen is at the lead of the rope, giving the order--"start her lively, boys." The second is the race:—a powerful engine and a four-wheeled hose carriage, almost side by side; the glare of the fire, lights them on; the City Hall in the distance points to the time on the way, and the cry is given to "jump her, boys, jump her." Scene third is the fire reached, and the various apparatus at work; and while the flames are rolling from the burning building, a fireman is seen emerging from one of the windows with an infant in his arms. The whole scene is natural to life; the ladders up against the walls, the hose, and the leaks stopped in the same by the appliances firemen bring to their aid, and the officers by their apparatus in the act of giving orders, which imagination must lead us to fill up with "now then with a will, shake her up boys." The fourth and last scene is the ruins, yet burning; several of the neighboring companies still at work, while others are leaving the spot, the order having been given to "take up and man the rope." The engravings are the best we have ever seen of the kind. A sett is now on exhibition at Sansome Hall, and copies may be had of J. W. Sullivan.

John Blake, who was tried and convicted some time since for the murder of Lyman Mowry, has, we regret to say, been sentenced to be hung on the 25th of May. From the day Blake was arrested until the present time, we have never believed he was guilty of wilful murder, but that when he met Mowry and learned that all his hard earnings had been unlawfully wrested from him, and his family reduced to penury and want, he committed the act on the impulse of the moment, without premeditation. It is true, the laws of the land were outraged in the perpretration of the crime, but it does not necessarily follow, because John Blake is not from the so called but mis called higher walks of life, no extenuation should be made in his behalf. We think a milder sentence than that passed upon him would have attained all the law could desire, and we believe, he is well entitled to executive clemency, although those high in official position have not petitioned in his fa. or. Blake is a married man, having a young wife and five or six children depending upon him for their sustenance. Throughout his trial his wife sat by him and cheered the painful scene he was passing through, with that love and devotion characteristic of a true wife; and it would be indeed hard to doom her to a living death by carrying out the full dictates of the law, when a commutation of his sentence to a term of imprisonment would satisfy the most urgent demands

MANHATTAN No. 2.—We learn that it is the intention of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water to locate this Engine in the seventh ward. We do not know the feelings of the members of the Company in regard to the matter, but we are sincerly of the opinion that if such action should be adopted, it would tend to benefit the Company in more ways than one. We presume however, that before anything definate is done in the premises, the Company will be consulted in regard to the proposed change.

The Philadelphia North American says that the Diligent Fire Engine, at a recent trial of her powers, threw a stream from an inch-and-an-eighth nozzle a distance of 230 feet. This is an extraordinary feat, and one which the firemen of that city challenge the "steam squirt" to equal.

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

The Assembly has passed acts to suppress Gaming, The Assembly has passed acts to suppress Gaming, and to prohibit the carrying of deadly weapons. Acts to suppress houses of ill fame, to prohibit barbarous and noisy amusements on Sunday, and to provent the selling of liquor within two miles of the State Prison have passed both houses. The act to prohibit the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks has passed the Assembly ed the Assembly.

Ticket No. 78,719 drew the first prize in Duncan's Art Union drawing, the fortunate holder being B C Horn. \$5,000 was the value of the prize.

At the election in Sacramento on Monday, the "Know Nothings" elected their ticket for charter officers by about 1,200 majority.

A "Surprise" intended for the "New World" was beaten by the latter eight minutes on the way, during the afternoon of the 2d inst.

The Grand Jury, in their report, have presented several of the City Council for malfeasance in office, but have given no particulars in regard to the exact crimes committed—leaving the 'horror hunters' as wise as they were before.

The State Marine Hospital building, on Stockton street, has been sold for \$17,500.

As is usual with prize conundrums, the worst was considered the best at Backus' benefit. Here it is "Why is Backus' MOUTH like California? Because it is a fine opening for a young man.

An important document relative to the city's claim to the Pueblo lands, was recently stolen from the Board of Land Commissioners office, and ofter having been used by the parties interested, was placed in the drawer of Commissioner Thompson, where it was afterwards found.

Both Steamship Companies have reduced their rates of fare to the Atlantic States

Antoine Rosentiel, an old Californian, died suddenly on Wednesday last.

E. W. Walton, a police officer, who shot a man in Sacramento sometime since, while in the act of committing a theft, has been tried and found guilty of

Danl. O'Conner, a member of Crescent Engine Co. No 10, who shot himself the day previous, was buried on Monday last. A large concourse of firemen at-tended his funeral.

A young man named Shaw, aged 19 years, has been arrested in this City, for the murder of Angelo Capolo, at Bodega, about two weeks since.

Two young men named William McFadden, and F. E. Potter; were drowned in Washer-womans Bay, on Sunday last, the boat having capsized. A comrade named Bedcau, swam ashore.

Recorder Waller fined a Mrs. Ribbon, \$500 yesterday, for violation of the Fire Ordinance in reconstructing a wooden building in the Fire limits.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on next Wednesday evening. We understand that there is considerable business of importance to be disposed of.

The following is a standing resolution of the Board of Delegates, passed at their regular meeting of March 14th:

RESOLVED: - That Empire Engine Company No. 1, and all other Engine and Hook and Ladder Companies who have no place of meeting, consequent upon the building of new Engine and Truck ouses, have permission to use the room of the Board of Delegates, for the purpose of holding their business meetings.

THANKS to J. W. Sullivan for papers received by the last steamers, and also for files of late Salt Lake papers. 'Jerry' comes out with his favors ahead of the Expresses.

#### FIRE DEPARATMENT.

Board of Delegates .. - The regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held at their chamber: in the City Hall, on Wednesday evening next, April Ilth, at 7 1-2 o'clock. Every member is requested to

MARCUS D. BORUCK. Secretary S. F. F. D

California, No. 4, Attention!-The regular monthly deeting of your Company will be held this (Saturd.y) evening, April 7th, at 71-2 o'clock. The punctual attendance of every member is desired By order.

A. T. GREEN, Secretary.

& Vigilant Engine Company, No. 9.-The regular monthly meeting of this Company will be held on Tuesday evening next, 10th inst. at half past held on Tuesday evening.
7 o'clock. By Order,
JOHN SHORT, Foreman.

#6\* In consequence of a serious accident to Miss LAURA KEENE, the American Theatre will not open on Saturday evening. a7

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E San Francisco, April 7, 1855.

The people of the City of San Francisco do ordain as fol-

The people of the City of San Francisco do ordain as follows:

Sec 1 The Fire Department shall consist of a Chief Engineer and three As istant Engineers, a Board of Delegates and Fire Engine. Hose and Hook and Ladder men, formed not companies, the number of which shall not exceed twenty; and the Secretary of the Board shall be Secretary of the Fire Bepartment.

Sec 2 A company shall consist of a Foreman, and at least one Assistant Foreman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. An engine company shall not be allowed more than six ty-five certificate members, and Hook and Ladder company no more than six ty-five certificate members.

Sec 3 It shall require at least twenty-five persons not under twenty one years of age to compose a company, all of which must have signed the constitution of the same, previous to their petition of admission, and they shall forward a copy of their constitution, together with the name of their officers and men and their residences, the situation in which they wish to locate, and a petition for admission into the Fire Department, to the Board of Delegates, whose duty it shall be to determine whether such addition is required by the Fire Department. Whenever the Board by a majority vote of all its members shall decide to recommend the arm soin of a company, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of he Board to forward to the Common Council a certificate of such recommendation, together with the petition of the company, the constitution of the same, the names of the officers and men, and their residence and house for receiving the same, by the city. And no petition for the clamsion of any company will be entertained by the Common Council until it shall have received the recommendation of the Bart of Delegates.

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form-hed with an engine of other fire apparatus, and a house for receiving the same, by the city. And no petition for the almission of any company will be entertained by the Common Council until it shall have received the recommendation of the Board of Delegates.

Sec. 4. Whenever an engine or hook and ladder company by reason of deaths resignations or expulsions shall have reduced its roll to less than twenty-five certificate members or a hose company to less than fifteen certificate members it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board of Delegates to notify the Chief Engineer and the Foreman of the Company of the fact. At the first regular meeting of the Board after such notice has been given, it shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report to that shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report to that shall be the duty of the Chief Engineer to report to that body the condition of the company, and the Board shall then declare whether such company shall be disbanded or continued in the Fire Department to be decided by a majority vote of the members composing the same.

Sec. 5. There shall be an election annually on the first Monday of December, for Chief Engineer and First. Second and Third Assistant Engineers, said election to becalled by the Mayov by gaving ten days notice in two or more of the daily newspapers, and hed at such place as the Board of Delegates may designate. The polls to be kept open from nine of clock. A. M. until 5 o'clock P. M., under the inspection of three judges, each from a different company, to be appointed by the Board of Delegates. The person having the highest number of votes shall be the Engineer shall be declared election of the far such as fallows:—The person having the highest number of votes in or tolles Engineers the Prevoleta of the Engineers shall be the Second Assistant Engineer; the person having the next highest number of votes shall be the First Assistant Engineer; the given the highest number of votes shall be the First Assistant Engineer; the person havi

to obey he lawful orders of the Onief or other engineers, shall upon complaint as bereinsfer provided, be tried by the Boart and if found guilty be consured, suspended removed from office, or expeded from the Fire Department as the judgment of the Board may direct. They shall examine the returns and declare the result of all engineer's elections cer ifying the same to the Mayor, who shall give them their certificates of office, and they shall perform such other duties as may be preceived to them by this or linance. Sec. 7. All thorges and specifications of charges shall be preferred in writing to the Board of Delegates in the name of the Fire De artment of the City of San Francisco, a copy

preferred in writing to the Board of Delegates in the name of the Fire be artment of the City of San Francisco, a copy of which shall be furnished the accused at least three days before trial—theregs and specifications of charges may be preferred at any meeting stated or special, when the Board of Delegat a schall forthwith set a time for trial, which shall not be within seven days from the date the charges may be preferred—All witnesses shall be examined under each, and in the full wing order. 1st, Prosecution; 21. Defence Rebutting evidence may be admitted on either side and when the testimony shall have been closed, the board shall without denote proce dit of find upon the guilt or innocence of the accuracy. It guilty the board shall then assess the cou et. It guilty the board shall then assess the

punishment
Sec. 8 The foreman of the several fire engines, hook Sec. 8. The foreman of the several fire engines, hook and ladder and hose companies, when called together by the vote of any one company shall have power to impeach any Chief Engineer or Assistant for neglect or inability to discharge the duties of his office, or for an unwarrantable exercise of now r, and when an impeachment shall be made, the party of the search of shall after having received one we established the search of the search of the search of the before the Board of D. legates of the Fire Departs on the and shall be liable to such action as the Board of the decomposer.

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BEF 9 A member of a company may appeal to the Board of Delegates from any decision of his company, he which he is personally concerned, and if it be shown that the company have acted in violation of their own laws, or the laws of the Department, their action shall be approved and no exhelled member shall be permitted to join the Department within two years of the date of such expusion unless he be rejected by the company, with the approval of the Board of Delegates. An Engineer or company filer who may have been removed from office by the Board of the report of the date of such disbandment, shall become a member of the discondence. No person who shall have been a member of a disburded to of such disbandment, shall become a member of the Fire Department within two years of the discondence of such disbandment except by consent of the Board of Delegates. A registry of all disbanded or expelled members of all be kept by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates.

See 10. Whenever any Chief or Assistant Engineer Company officer, or member of the Department, shall be suspended founduty it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Burdo. Dileates to not, the same in a book provided for the purpose and no time as a certified member or members of the Fire Department shall be allowed the party of our tessus pended provided however, such suspension his received the enfirmation of the Board of Delegates. Nothing however in this Section shall be so construed as to deprive and supposed whenever in the supposed his right to vote at any Department of company election.

Softing however in this Section shan considerable with a support of the sign of the support of t once in each coath, the number and condition of ciserns free engines and other free apparatus, and fire-engine house, also all accidents by firs thatmay have taken place in the city, with the can e thereof as well as they can be ascertained, and the comber and description of the buildings destroyed or injured, together with the names of the owner

occupants, and also the estimated loss; and such other or occupants, and also the estimated loss; and such other information and recommendations as he may deem necessary. In case the said Chief Engineer shall fail to make the required monthly report for the period of two months consecutively, his office shall and in consequence thereof is hereof declared vacant; Wherever ary of the fire engineer, or other fire apparatus may require repoirs, he shall forthwith report the same to the Joint Committee on Fire and Water, and under their direction to superintend their pairs thereof; Provided the Expense in any one case does exceed one hundred dollars, and the bils for such repairs to be certified to by the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Fire and Water. It shall slo be his duty, should any emergency occur during a configuration, which in his opin ion, requires the removal of any buildings or any combustible meterial, to cause such rem wall to be made. He shall have power to suspend any company for disondine of orders, such suspension to last until a decision of the Board of Delegates is had thereon. Although the words of the Chief Engineer, shall be forthwish declared dishanted by the Board of Lelegates, and all members of the same, or the Chief Engineer, shall be forthwish declared dishanted by the Board of Lelegates, and all members of the same, or of the Fire Department assisting in such removal, shall be expelled by the Board of Lelegates and all members of the same, and it shall be the duty of the President as soon as possible thereafter, to call a meeting of the same; and it shall be a forthwish declared dishanted the company by the Secretary of the Board of Delegates of the same; and it shall be to the charge, in when the cause. Neglector refusal on the part of any ecompany to answer a charge thus made shall be considered as an a-knowledgement of the charge, in when the cause they shall be suspended, or expelled, as the judgment of the Board of Delegates to try the cause. Neglector refusal on the part of any company, and they are appropriated by the consequence

which his certificate was issued also the date of all the deaths, resignations and expulsions—the entry citing the  $f_{\bullet}$ -topposite his name and date of membership. Said book shall be styled a book of Registry of the Fire Department, and shall be open at all times to the in pection of the public; he is all fill up and sign all certificates of the public; he is all fill up and sign all certificates of six the seal of the Department to any document and perform such other duties as the laws of the Department may prescribe.

perform such other duties as the laws of the Dapartment may pre-oribe.

Sec. 17. A Certificate of Regi ter shall upon the psysment of two do lar- to the Secr-tary of the Bord of Delegates, begiven to achorize the member duly certified to he Board. A diploma or certificate of services shall upon application to the Secre ary of the Board, be given to any self-secret member, who may have served the last twelve co-secutive months preceding his application. An exempt certificate shall, upon application to the Board, begiven to any person who shall have been a re-istered member of the Department for the term of five years. No person but a certificate member shall under any ci-cumstances, he permitted to hold office in the Department, or in any Company thereof, or to vote at any c manny or department election, nor for any department effect unless he shall have been a certificate on member at least ninety days 1 ast preceding such election. Engineers elect shall be entitled to certificates to expire with their term of office. A egistry of exempt names shall be seat by the Secretary search of the search.

shall have been a certificate as member at terms innerly days last preceding such election. Ergineers elect shall be entitled to certificates to expire with their term of office. A significate to expire with their term of office. A significate of the Secretary of the Board of Delegates. Send-annually in the months of the Board of Delegates, send-annually in the months of November and May, the roll of his company, stating the number of men enrolled who are active firemen; also, the names of persons elected, resigner's suspended or expelled from the company and such other in formation as he may deem expedient; and at least ten days pray outs to an election for Chief and Assistant Engineers, a certified list of the certificate members of his company, and the Secretary of the Board of Delegates shall compare the said list with the Book of Registry of the Fire Department and erase from the Board of Delegates shall compare the said list with the Book of Registry of the Fire Department and erase from the company, and the secretary of the Company, the names of all deceased, resigned, or expelled in mbers. He shall also crase from the current of the Company, the names of all deceased, resigned, or expelled in mbers. He shall also crase from the such election and after correcting such list shall company such election with a certified copy of the same which list shall comprise the voters and none others shall be entitled to vote at said election.

Sec 19 Each and every company shall keep their apparatus in good order and condition so that it shall be ready for a rivice at any moment, and the Secretary of each tompany shall report to the Chief Engli eer (in the nonths of January and July) the condition of the formpany, and the number of times they have been in service with a into firm on a special such as a service at any moment, and the Secretary of each tompany shall report to the Chief Engli eer (in the nonths of January and July) the condition of the form of since of the spoaratus belonging to the Fire Department or on

erly interested in the removal of their goods) from coming into su h portion of the city as may interfere with the firemen in the extinguishment of fires, and they hereby empowered to make arrests for any violation of this

rdinance without compl. int. or citation.

Sec. 24. The Joint Committee on Fire and Water is au. thorized to sell for cash any old and condemned fire en gines, hose carts, hook and ladder trucks, hose, or any oth gines, abselvates, how and fadder trans, how any other apparatus belonging to the Fire Department; and the money received for such engines or apparatus when sold, shall be deposited with the City Treasurer, and receipt

shall be deposited with the City Treasurer, and receipt therefor be deposited with the City Comptroller SEC 25. It shall be unlawful for any person to drive a dray, cart truck or other vehicle, across any fire-hose, un-less said hose is protected in such a way as to preventfall possibility of injury. For every violation of this section; the party so effeuding shall be subject to a fine of not less than ten dollars, or to fine or imprisonment as the Recorde

may determine. It shall be unlawful for any person or person SEC 26. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to use for private purposes the water from any public eistern in the City of San Francisco, and any person or persons convicted of so using such water, shall be subjected to a fine of not more than five hundred dollars, not less than one hundred dollars, at the discretion of the Recorder.

SE: 27. The Board of Delegates shall, at their stated meeting in November, in each and every year elect three persons to serve as Bell Ringers of the City Hall Bell, who shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may be

shall be governed by such rules and regulations as may b adopted by the Board, and for a violation of the same, they shall be men-ble to the Board. The salaries of said Bel Ringers shall be fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars per ningers shall be fixed at one hundred and fifty dollars/per month each to be paid out of the fire Department Fund in the same manner as the salaries of the other City officers. Sec. 28. All fines collected under all fire ordinances shall be appropriated to the Fire Department charitable fund; they shall be paid to the City Treasurer, who is hereby authorized and instructed to payover the same to the to the Tressurer of the Fire Department Charitable Fund Association taking his receipt therefor which receipt shall be deposited in the office of the City Commtroller Sec. 29. Title I of chapter 5 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of San Francis of beand is hereby repealed.

J. C. MAYNARD.

President (protein) Bound of Assit Aldermen

President (pro tem.) Board of Ass't Aldermen JOSEPH F ATWILL, President Board of Aldermen. Approved February 19th, 1855.
S. P. WEBB

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an o dinance passed the Common Council finally and returned by the Mayor with his approval, detect 19th February 1855 T. M. J. DEHOE Cork

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4—A two story FRAME HOUSE, lathed and plastered, and LOT on Dapont street. Lot 21 feet from by 58 feet deep,

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5-LOT on Filbert st, in the 59 vara lot No 790,
374 fi. four by 137 vit deep, win COTTAGE thereon,
6-Tarce story DWELLING 11 OUNE, (first story)
of brick) and LOT, on the southeast corner of
Sand and Clay sts, fronting 28 ft on Clay, and 744 ft
on Sand st; house lathed and plastered,
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on Sand st; house lathed and plastered,
7- A two story and basement brick dwelling
HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich
st, commencing 250 feet west of the northwest cor,
of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 2) ft front by 9) deep,
8- A two and a half story cottage HOUSE and
LOT on the south side of Bush st, between Sockton
and Powell, fronting 23 feet on Bush st, and 68 feet 6
inches deep; hard finished,
9-A two story dwelling HOUSE and LOT on
Powell st, commencing 98 ft south of the southerst 7,000

Powell st, commencing 9s ft south of the southeast cor of Powelland Satter; 39 ft front by 47; ft deep, 10 - An elegant two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Pacific street, commencing 96.06 in west of the southwest corner of Powell and Pacific, 23 ft front by 60 feet deep, 11-A two story frame dwelling HOUSE and LOT 12,000 on the east side of Dupont street, between L. mbard and Greenwich; lot 40 feet from by 12) feet deep, 12.—A three sto y spleudid dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north-east corner of Powell and Clay treets, 2) ft front on Powell street, by 60 ft deep, 13-A cottage HOUSE and LOT on the south side

of Union st, b tween Kearny and Dupout sts, 20 ft front by 60 deep, 14.-A genteel two story brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the north side of Greenwich street commencing 100 feet, west at the north-west come of Dupont and Greenwich, 2-ft front by 90 ft deep 15—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Satter street commencing 21 ft east of the south east cor of Powell and Sattersts, 23 ft 6 in, front and 60 feet deep, 16—A two story HOUSE and LOT on the east side of Pike street, commencing 23 ft 9 mehes north

10—A two story HOUSE and LOT on the east side of Pike street, commencing 23 ft 9 inches north of the northeast corner of Pike and Sacramento sts; 23 ft 9 in, front by 36 ft 8 in d ep.

17—A two story b sement and brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT, commencing 47 ft 6 in, not be fit in not the ast coner of Sacramento and Pike sts, 21 ft 3 inches front by 36 feet 8 inches deep,

18—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on B oadway bet Taylor and Jones six bat 32 ft is inches front deep.

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18—A cottage HOU: E and LOT on B. oadway bet
Taylor and Jones six: lot 23 ft 6 in by 60 feet deep,

19—A two stery and basement HOUSE and LOT
on the south side of Vallejo street, bet Kearny and
D ipont 20 feet inout by 60 feet deep,

20—An elegant two story and basement brick
dwelling HOUSE and LOT on the south side of
Washington street, commencing 21 feet west of tho
south west corner of Spofford and Washington sts,
lot 20 feet six inches front by 60 feet deep,

21—A cottage HOUSE and LOT on Powell street,
commencing 60 feet south of the southeast cor, of
Powell and Satter sis: 21 ft front by 47 ft 6 in, deep,

22—A tree story splendid private RESIDENCE
and LOT on Powell's, commencing 20 feet north
of the northeast corner of Powell and Clay streets,
lot 20 feet front by 60 feet deep,

23—A three story frame HOUSE and LOT on Stevenson street near Taird, 20 ft front by 70 ft deep,

24—A three story frame HOUSE and LOT on the
west side of Kearny st, bet, B. oadway and Hinckley ste, lathed and plastered; bet 20 ft front, 629 deep

25—A three story dwelling H USE and LoT,
first story of brick) on the west side of Spofford st,
commencing 1/4 ft 6 in, south of the southwest cor,
of Spoffo d and Washington streets, 33 teet front by
61 feet 9 inches deep,

25—Cottage H (USE and L/T on the southwest corner of S cramento and Leavenworth sts; 37½ ft
front by 56 feet deep,

.7—A two stery brick H USE and LOT on the
outheast corner of Hink kley street and Pinekney
Place, 22 feet front by 30 feet deep,

28-A cottage HOUSE and LOT adjoining the last on the East. 18 ft front on Hinckly st, 30 ft deep 29-A cottage. House and Lot, the same as the last, on the East.
30-A splendal two story and basement brick dwelling HOUSE and LOT on Washington st, commencing 41 ft 6 in, west of the south west corner of Spotford and Washington sts, fronting 20 ft 3 inches on Washington st, by 60 feet deep.
31-An elegant building LOT on Spotford street, commencing 64 feet 6 inches south of the south west corner of Spotford and Washington sts, fronting 20 feet by 61 feet 9 inches deep.
32-A LOT adjoining on the south, same dimensions as the last.

feet by 61 feet 9 inches deep,

32—A L°17 adjoining on the south, same dimensions as the last,

33—A splendid two story brick dwelling HOUSE and L°17 on the north side of Greenwich st, commencing 80 feet west of the northwest corner of Dupont and Greenwich; lot 10 ft front by 90 ft deep,

34—An elegant building L°17 on the south-east corner of Sutter and Powell sts, fronting 24 feet on Sutter st by 69 feet on Powell st.

35—A splendid building L°17 on the east side of Powell st, commencing 80 ft south of the south-east cor of Powell and sutter sts, 18 ft front by 474 deep,

36—A cottage H°17; E and L°17 on Read st, bet,

Clay and Washington, be 20 ft front by 60 ft deep,

37—A two story H°10 E and L°17 on east side of Dupont street, between Pine and Bush, No 256; lot 20 by 60 feet,

38—A two story dwelling HOUSE and L°17 on the north side of Pacific street, between Dipon, and Stockton; lot 20 feet front by 65 feet deep,

39—A splendid three story dwelling HOUSE and L°17 on the north-east corner of Sacramento and Pike streets; 22 ft front by 36 ftest deep,

40—A splendid two story and basement brick dwelling H°10. E and L°17 on Third street, between Bryant and Harrson, 25 feet front by 75 feet deep,

41—A cottage HOU: E and L°17 on the south-side of Union st, between Mason and Powell, in 50 wara lot No; 395; 20 feet by 75 feet in depth,

42—A splendid building L°17 on the south-est corner of Washington and Priest street,

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23 feet by 16 of feet.

41-A cottage HOU: E and E of Ton M sion st 90 ft cast of the southeast corner of Johnson and Mission streets, 25 feet by 16 of feet.

41-A splendid two story Brick HOUSE and L°17 in 70 wara lot No, 607, between Broadway and Pacific st,

23 feet by 18 feet for feet.

23 feet by 133 feet 6 inches,

45—A gentred two story brick HOUSE and LOT on Dapont street, commencing 131 ft s in, north of the north-west corner of Dupont and Greenwich sts;

21 feet 8 inches by 80 feet in depth,

46—A neat cotrage H (U E and L/T on the south side of Union 8t, between Mason and Powell 8ts, in

50 varia by 180 fteet by 75 feet,

47—A two story HoU E and L/T on Priest 8t,

7t ft 6 inches south of the south-west corner of Washington and Priest streets; 29 feet by 65 feet,

48—A gentred cottage H (U E and L/T on the south side of Union 8t, bet Mason and Powell 8ts, in 50 varia lot No 395; 20 by 75 feet,

49—HOUSE and L/T on Priest 8t, commencing

57 ft 6 inches south of the south-west cor, of Washington ft feet in the south side of the south side of the south side of Union 8t, bet Mason and Powell 8ts, in 50 varia lot No 395; 20 by 75 feet,

49-HoUSE and LOT on Priest st, commencing 57 ft 6 inches south of the south-west cor. of Washington and Priest sts; 20 feet by 60 feet, 50. A splendid two story brick dwelling H-U-E and L-T on Dupont st, commencing 153 feet 6 in. north of thenorth westscorner of Dupont and Greenwich sts; 21 ft 9 in, by 80 ft deep,

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